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MEMORANDUM FOR: Select [REDACTED] Security Officers

SUBJECT : Security Protection of Ultra-Sensitive Advanced
Intelligence Collection Systems

1. The DCI was informed in a communication from the White House dated January 24, 1962 of a feeling of deep concern regarding the security of certain projects in the [REDACTED] System. In this regard it was directed that: 25X1A2g

"(a) prompt and stringent measures be taken within the intelligence community and with contractors, to ensure that the numbers of persons granted access to information concerning such projects be kept to an absolute minimum consistent with practical requirements, and

(b) there be periodic security reindoctrinations of all persons cleared for access to such information including information relating to the special photographic capabilities involved."

2. With the concurrence of Under Secretary of the Air Force, the CIA informed the White House that all participating agencies will be advised of this expression of concern and directed to rigorously enforce measures to protect, from the security standpoint, these vital programs.

3. In this regard, it is felt that the following action should be initiated immediately by the area [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

a. Lists of persons approved for access to [REDACTED] projects should be critically reviewed and the numbers reduced to those persons whose participation is essential to the program. 25X1A2g

b. A very hard look at the "need-to-know" should be taken before a new candidate is proposed for access approval.

c. Arrangements should be made to initiate periodic (every six months) rebriefings of personnel approved for

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access. This should include a reaffirmation of the absolute necessity to employ maximum measures to protect this sensitive information. 25X1A2g

4. It is requested that the CIA [redacted] be apprised by memorandum by April 20, 1962, as to the action initiated by the [redacted] of each 25X1A2g participating agency to implement the above suggestions.

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